

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BURLINGTON
December 5, 2006
7:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 South Lexington Avenue, Burlington, N. C., 27216-1358, on December 5, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Stephen M. Ross presided

Councilmembers present: Mayor Ross, Councilmembers Jones, Huffman, Starling and Wall

Councilmembers absent: None

Harold Owen, City Manager, present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney, present

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk, present

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stephen Ross

INVOCATION: Councilmember Don Starling

PROCLAMATION: Bill of Rights Day - December 15, 2006
Human Rights Week - December 10-16, 2006

RECOGNITIONS: 1) Dr. Steven Slott - Open Door Clinic of Alamance County
2) John Walton - City of Burlington Tennis Director

MINUTES

Mayor Ross called for approval of the City Council minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2006.

Upon motion by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wall, it was resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 21, 2006.

ADD-ON: CONSENT AGENDA: Appointments - Advisory Boards and Commissions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Starling, it was resolved unanimously to adopt the consent agenda with the add-on.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) To approve the 2006 Tree City USA recertification application.
- B) To approve the "Annual Certification of Firemen" for firemen eligible to receive a \$50,000 line-of-duty death benefit as required by North Carolina General Statutes, Section 58-86-25.

**CITY OF BURLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
2007 Membership Roster**

Allbritton, Timothy D.
Allison, Walter C.
Alvis, Jr., William L.
Bailey, Brad I.
Bailey, Stephen W.
Bailey, W. Shannon
Barker, Wayne S.
Baulding, John W.
Beagle, Jr., Ival K.
Bradley, Michael T.
Britt, Greg
Brooks, Desmond L
Burr, Anthony C.
Catoe, Alan R.
Caviness, Michael
Chrismon, Larry D.
Cobb II, James T.
Cozort III, Stuart
Davis, Anthony L.
Davis, Joel B.
Deal, Fred A.
Everette, Chad
Faulkner, Jason S.
Fiery, John
Fleming, Chad D.
Gant, Victor L.

Lynch, Marshall D.
Maddry, Robert A.
Mann, Steven
Mansfield, Russell Thomas
Massey, Thomas D.
Matthews, Justin
Mitchell, Jeff
Moser, Eddie
Motley, Kelby
Moyers, John P.
Murray, Mark A
Murray, Philip L.
Murray, William H.
Neese, Todd W.
Paschal, Kyle
Parrish, Michael
Rudd, Adam
Shoffner, Justin
Simmons, Ronald E.
Simpson, Dale T.
Slagle, Jr., Don Allen
Smith, Brandon
Smith, Christopher A
Smith, Jay A.
Smith, Kevin M.
Staley, George M

Graves, Lonnie H.
Gregory, Michael
Grogan, Timothy M.
Guthrie, Jeremy P
Handy, Travis G.
Harris, James N.
Hicks, Jr., Howard L.
Hinsdale, Joseph R.
Irby, Ricky
Jacaruso, Joseph R.
James, Jr., Steven K
Keck, James B.
Kerns, Randall L.
Lackey, John J
Lawrence, John M.
Lewis, Jerry
Lohr, Keith W.
Loy, Jr., Charles D
Loy, Jr., Joseph Allen

Stanfield, Stephen Neal
Stevenson, David B.
Stout, Shawn L.
Sykes, Travis
Teague, Tyson S.
Tickle, Todd Everett
Turner, Patrick Christopher
Waller, Chris
Ware, Dawnn M
Watlington, Paul B.
Willets, Danny L.
Willets, Michael R
Wilson, Michael D.
Wilson, Stephen Kelly
Wright, Brock
Wright, Donald
Younger, Gary L.
Yaeger, Robert

- C) To approve a final plat of the First National Bank Subdivision. The property is located on the south side of South Church Street approximately 500 feet west of Commerce Place as shown on plans by Simmons Engineering and Surveying, Inc., dated October 31, 2006, and containing two lots.
- D) To approve a final plat of Phase 1, Section 4 of the Glenmoor Townhomes of Mackintosh on the Lake (Section J2). The property is located on Gilchrist Drive south of Interstate 85/40 as shown on plans by Alley, Williams, Carmen and King, Inc., dated November 7, 2006, and containing three lots.
- E) To approve a final plat of Phase 1, Section 5 of the Glenmoor Townhomes of Mackintosh on the Lake (Section J2). The property is located on Tweed Lane south of Interstate 85/40 as shown on plans by Alley, Williams, Carmen and King, Inc., dated November 7, 2006, and containing three lots.
- F) To approve a final plat of the Carolina Bank Subdivision. The property is located on the southwest corner of South Church Street and Collinwood Drive as shown on plans by Boswell Surveyors, Inc., containing two lots.
- G) To approve a final plat of the Splawn Associates Subdivision. The property is located on the southwest corner of Anthony Road and Old Trail Road as shown on plans by Wayne Perry dated November 1, 2006, and containing two lots.

- H) To approve a final plat of Phase 2 of the Waterfalls Subdivision. The property is located on Longpine Road approximately 715 feet northwest of Evergreen Lane as shown on plans by Fleming Engineering, Inc., dated November 10, 2006, and containing 31 lots.
- I) To re-approve a final plat for Eric Lane Business Park Subdivision, Phase 1, that was originally approved by City Council on September 5, 2006. The plat was not recorded within the 60-day time limit provided for within the Subdivision Regulations.
- J) To accept the resignation of Raymond Christian from the Historic Preservation Commission and to appoint Joseph J. Kalo, IV, to fill the unexpired term and to replace Lorraine Walker on the Housing Commission with Carolyn Forrester to fill the unexpired term.

Councilmember Wall asked to be recused from Consent Agenda Items D and E.

Upon motion by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Jones, it was resolved unanimously to allow Councilmember Wall to be recused from Items D and E.

Upon motion by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Jones, it was resolved unanimously to approve Items D and E.

Upon motion by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Starling, it was resolved unanimously to approve the foregoing consent agenda.

STAFF REPORTS:

ITEM 2: MONTHLY UTILITY BILLING

Administrative Services/Revenue Collections Director Frank Hope gave a report on the conversion to monthly utility billing. Mr. Hope stated that current billing to commercial and industries was on a monthly basis and residential customers bi-monthly. He stated that there were over 20,000 customers with approximately 18,000 residential customers and a little fewer than 2,000 industrial customers. Mr. Hope stated that as the City moved to monthly billing, customers would begin to receive their first bills in January and February of 2007. Mr. Hope stated that there

would not be a rate increase and that the rate increase in the budget last year was five percent for sewer and no increase in water and that the new monthly billing would not change rates. Mr. Hope stated that customers would need to be aware of the new billing due dates. Mr. Hope stated that over the years customers had expressed the desire to receive their bills on a monthly basis as they receive other utilities such as Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas, Cable, BellSouth, etc. Mr. Hope stated that with the new monthly billing the meters would be read at each residence 12 times a year as opposed to six and by doing this, if there was a leak or any problem at the meter, the City would detect it much quicker.

Mr. Hope stated that the City would continue to emphasize and to offer the bank draft option as a method of payment. He stated that once the new software was implemented and monthly billing had begun that the option of online and credit card payments would be available possibly by fall of 2007.

ITEM 3: Leaf Collection

Public Works Director Gary Hicks gave a report on leaf collection. He stated that a schedule was distributed to citizens via the water bills, CityWorks, Web site and brochures available at City Hall and Public Works Department. Mr. Hicks explained the cost savings of the new automated one-man operated truck. Mr. Hicks stated that there are currently five trucks and leaf machines that utilize three-man crews. Three-man crews consist of a driver who had to obtain a CDL, a full-time employee as a collector and a part-time seasonal employee as a collector. Mr. Hicks stated that occasionally the collectors' work on Wednesdays and weekends running six trucks using employees from Street and Sanitation who volunteer to work. Mr. Hicks pointed out that if a one-man truck can accumulate 32% of the load that three trucks and three drivers could replace what five trucks and 15 people are doing. Mr. Hicks pointed out that the automated truck had a lot of advantages such as being able to carry larger loads, tighter loads, a quick turn around and a one-man operation where the man never had to get out of the truck. He said it was safer in inclement weather. Mr. Hicks also pointed out that this truck could be utilized in the off-season for other functions such as collecting grass clippings, cleaning out ditches, catch basins, etc. Mr. Hicks stated that another truck had been ordered and that he would be budgeting for the leaf machine next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN:

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Starling, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn.

Jondeen D. Terry
City Clerk